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SUBJ: VIENNA GENEVA GROUP MEETING ON IAEA BUDGET

REF: A. IAEA VIENNA 3329 (NOTAL), B. STATE 103206 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GENEVA GROUP VIENNA MET ON IAEA BUDGET
AND AGREED TO REQUEST DIRECTOR GENERAL TO MAKE
REDUCTIONS OF UP TO \$750,000 IN AGENCY BUDGET FOR
1977, BY CUTTING MANPOWER REQUESTS (PARTICULARLY
IN PROFESSIONAL RANKS) AND HEAVY MEETING SCHEDULE.
GROUP ACHIEVED NEAR UNANIMITY, HOWEVER, ON PROTECT-
ING EXPANSION OF SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES AND STAFF.

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WITH RESPECT TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, GROUP

AGREED TO PRESS FOR SAME TARGET AS LAST YEAR, \$5.5 MILLION, WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT COMPROMISE AT FIGURE CLOSE TO \$6.0 MILLION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF NECESSARY. MOST MEMBERS WILL ALSO URGE OIL-RICH LDC'S TO INCREASE PLEDGES TO TA PROGRAM AT LEAST TO LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED. END SUMMARY.

1. VIENNA GENEVA GROUP MET AT 10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, TO CONSIDER IAEA BUDGET FOR 1977 AND PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1978-82, AS WELL AS AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1975. U.S. CHAIRED MEETING, AS U.K. REP, ALSO IN ATTENDANCE, SWAMPED WITH WORK ON UNIDO MEETINGS.

2. IN CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1975, FRG REP MADE FAMILIAR PLEA FOR SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION THAT OIL RICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE URGED TO ACHIEVE NET DONOR STATUS WITH REGARD TO AGENCY'S TA PROGRAM. U.S. AND AUSTRALIA, IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST, VOLUNTEERED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS TO EFFECT THAT EACH WOULD INCLUDE, IN HIS STATEMENT ON THE ACCOUNTS, AS EXPRESSION OF THE HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE AGENCY AT A LEVEL AT LEAST EQUAL TO AID RECEIVED. OTHER GROUP MEMBERS AGREED TO SUPPORT SUCH A STATEMENT AS MEANS OF APPLYING PRESSURE ON OIL EXPORTING STATES TO INCREASE THEIR PLEDGES TO AGENCY'S GENERAL FUND,

3. DISCUSSION ON BUDGET CENTERED ON DG'S REQUEST FOR 91 NEW POSTS, INCLUDING 28 PROFESSIONALS IN 1977. FRG AGAIN TOOK LEAD IN STRESSING NEED TO ASK DG TO REDUCE THIS REQUEST, PARTICULARLY IN PROFESSIONAL RANKS. COMMENTS OF MOST DELEGATIONS QUESTIONED NEED FOR DIRECTOR-LEVEL POST FOR DIRECTOR OF SECURITY. MOST BELIEVED P-5 POST WOULD BE QUITE ADEQUATE. FYI. AGENCY CURRENTLY HAS CONSULTANT FROM AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON SPECIAL SERVICE CONTRACT AT P-5 LEVEL. END FYI. U.S. REP SUPPORTED REDUCTION OF THIS POST
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FROM D-LEVEL AND STATED HE WOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS TO THAT EFFECT. IN GENERAL, GROUP HELD THIN PRESENT BUDGET SUBMISSION WHICH MIGHT BE CUT. FRG REP MENTIONED FIGURE OF \$750,000. MOST REPS, INCLUDING U.S. REP, STATED THEY WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS TO URGE THAT DG RECONSIDER PROPOSED BUDGETARY INCREASE, WITH OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING IT PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF JUNE BG, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT IN PARTICULAR

THE PROPOSED STAFF INCREASES AND THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED. U.S. REP EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT DG SHOULD BE GIVEN \$750,000 FIGURE AS A TARGET TO SHOOT AT, NOTED ALSO THAT NUMBER OF MEETINGS SHOULD BE REDUCED, BUT ASSERTED HIS OPINION THAT SPECIFIC PROGRAM CUTS SHOULD BE LEFT TO DG'S DISCRETION, AFTER HEARING COMMENTS OF MEMBER STATES AT A&B COMMITTEE.

4. IN MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT OF MEETING, NO RPT NO MEMBER (EXCEPT FRENCH REP) QUESTIONED SIZE OF INCREASE IN SAFEGUARDS BUDGET (ALTHOUGH SOME EXPRESSED OPINION THAT AGENCY MIGHT BE VULNERABLE ON THIS POINT) AND MOST INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE INCREASE AT A&B COMMITTEE MEETING. FRENCH REP (UNINSTRUCTED) EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR HOW STRONGLY THEY FEEL OR WILL REACH IN A&B COMMITTEE. NOTEWORTHY AMONG THOSE EXPRESSING THEIR SUPPORT FOR SAFEGUARDS INCREASES, INCLUDING NEW D-LEVEL POST FOR HEAD OF INFORMATION PROCESSING SECTION, WERE FRB AND JAPAN. THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR WHEN SAME COUNTRIES WERE CRITICIZING SAFEGUARDS INCREASES, AND WE THINK THIS REFLECTS POSITIVE EFFECT OF LONDON SUPPLIERS DISCUSSIONS. CANADA STATED IT IS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF INCREASES AND WILL SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF NEW D-LEVEL POST FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING. U.S. REP NOTED WE LACKED INSTRUCTIONS BUT WAS CERTAIN U.S. WOULD SIMILARLY SUPPORT BOTH INCREASES AND NEW D-LEVEL POST.

5. TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WAS DISCUSSED IN LIGHT U.S. ANALYSIS IN REF A. NO NEW INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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CAME TO LIGHT ON SIZE OF TARGET WHICH WILL BE MENTIONED BY LDC'S, BUT NUMEROUS ARGUMENTS LED GROUP TO DECIDE TO PROPOSE, INITIALLY, THAT TARGET NOT BE INCREASED AT ALL. ARGUMENT WOULD BE THAT TARGET REMAIN AT \$5.5 MILLION DURING YEAR OF CONSOLIDATION WHILE SOME OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES (REF A, PARA 3) BE DRAWN DOWN, AND THAT AGENCY SECRETARIAT BE ENCOURAGED TO DECIDE WHICH DIRECTION TO TAKE TO IMPROVE ACTUAL DELIVERY OF TA, I.E., MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES. U.S. REP THEREFORE SEEKS INSTRUCTIONS TO POSIT NO RPT NO INCREASE IN TARGET FOR 1977, AND BE GIVEN LATITUDE TO SETTLE ON NO MORE THAN \$6.0 MILLION TARGET DURING A&B COMMITTEE. REGARDING U.S. STATEMENT (ECHOED BY FRG AND SWEDEN) AT LAST

JUNE BG MEETING THAT WE WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO
CONTRIBUTE AT OUR NORMAL BASE RATE TO A TARGET OF
MORE THAN \$5.0 MILLION, BUT WOULD NOT BLOCK CON-
SENSUS AT \$5.5 MILLION (WHICH WAS FIGURE LATER
AGREED UPON), AUSTRALIAN DEL STATED THAT IT
WOULD ALSO BE FORCED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT THIS
YEAR IF TARGET INCREASED TO OVER \$6.0 MILLION.

6. FOREGOING PREPARED PRIOR TO RECEIPT
INSTRUCTIONS REF B. IT IS CLEAR MISSION AND
DEPARTMENT ARE ESSENTIALLY IN AGREEMENT ON TACTICS
TO REACH SAME OBJECTIVE. BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO
HOLD TO A \$6 MILLION TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT WE APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION REF B TO
COMPROMISE AT \$6.25 IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. STONE

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